

Analyzing a Political Cartoon

KEY STANDARD

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Coming to America

In “They’ll Kill Me If I’m Sent Back,” you read about Ginger, a Honduran teen who fled to the United States to escape violence in her home country. She is one of nearly 100,000 people who applied for asylum in the U.S. in 2018. But Americans are divided over whether so many people should receive asylum. The cartoon below comments on the situation. Study it, then answer the questions.



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Questions

1. What statue is represented in the cartoon? What is covering it?

2. This famous line is written on a plaque on the actual statue: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” Who does this line refer to?

3. In the cartoon, the statue trails off as it is saying that famous line. What does this suggest is happening to the statue?

4. What might the statue be thinking about what is happening to it? How can you tell?

5. What do you think the cartoonist is trying to say about asylum seekers and other immigrants coming to the U.S. today?

